

Sports

Two draws and Bears in top spot

by Rod Campbell

The Alberta Golden Bears soccer team wrapped up the first half of their season last weekend tying both U. Vic. 2-2 and U.B.C. 0-0. These two results leave the Bears undefeated and tied for top spot with U. Vic. Both have eight points from five games.

As in previous weekends Bears failed to maintain a standard of consistency in their play. Friday afternoon they performed magnificently against a Victoria team that must be rated as one of the country's best university teams. On Saturday the Bears went through the motions against a U.B.C. team they were quite capable of beating.

Friday's game was a great advertisement for university sports. Both teams served up a highly entertaining brand of soccer.

Bears got off to a dream start. In the first minute Wendel Zerb harried the Victoria defence forcing the sweeper into making a bad pass back to goalkeeper Tobin Walker. Hanjoo Kim just got a toe to the ball to knock it into the net with barely a minute gone.

Fifteen minutes later Victoria was on even terms. Referee Capstick awarded a questionable penalty against Bears stopper Louis Picco. The kick was converted by Greg Ker.

The goal gave Victoria a lift and they began to dominate more. However, it was the Bears who got the go ahead goal, and it was a gem.

Robbie Biro picked up the ball just inside Victoria's half, played a give and go with Vice Reda, received the ball again on the edge of the eighteen yard box and surprised everyone by releasing a wicked shot that sneaked into the net at the near post. Walker and his defence, anticipating a cross, were caught flat footed.

The second half was much the same as the first. End to end action.

First Greg Ker came within inches for Victoria heading over from close in, and at the other end Wendel Zerb put one just wide with only the goalkeeper to beat.

In the 74th minute Doug Muirhead got the tying goal for Victoria hammering an unsavable volley from all of thirty yards. Bears goalkeeper Dave Hughes simply had no chance.



Bears goalkeeper David Hughes scoops up a loose ball as UBC forwards look on. UBC tied Alberta 0-0.

The match continued right to the end with both teams trying to grab any advantage they could.

In a game in which all the Bears played well, three players deserve special mention: Louis Picco who dominated in the air; Wendel Zerb who was a constant thorn in the flesh of Victoria's defence; and Robbie Biro whose strong running on the ball created panic in a normally staid Victoria back line.

The only thing that marred this game was the atrocious calls made by referee Capstick. Capstick had both players and spectators scratching their heads in bewilderment with some of his decisions.

Saturday, Bears appeared flat against a very ordinary looking U.B.C. team that were last years national champions.

Disaster struck almost immediately for the Bears as Robbie Biro, the hero from the day before, was carried off with a badly twisted knee. Shortly after fullback Marc Hergott also hobbled off.

U.B.C. came closest to scoring in the first half when Jonathan Pirie hit the post with a shot from the edge of the eighteen yard box.

Although Bears dominated the game in midfield and overall possession of the ball, they did not create any real scoring chances. U.B.C. almost stole the game when striker Kevin Reilly broke through late in the second half. With only keeper Snyder to beat he had the

ball taken away from him by a timely Alan Mason tackle to preserve the tie.

Overall coach Len Vickery felt "pleased with the results." "[They were] good as far as we're concerned. We made a number of

changes because of injuries. Fortunately, the boys who came on [as substitutes] came up big."

Reflecting on next week's crucial return games on the coast, Vickery feels the Bears have "... a big advantage. We've seen what they can do.

We know we can hold them defensively. If we can create the offence when it gets down to one or two games it can go either way. We're going in tough."

Tough it's going to be. The Bears know they have the potential as they proved Friday. Two strong games and the championship will be all but sewn up. The whole season has boiled down to this one week-end. This should be all the motivation the Bears need to come up with a big effort.

In other soccer action on the weekend, the Cubs, a team comprised of players who did not quite fit into the plans of the Bears, won the Grant MacEwan tournament.

The Cubs beats N.A.I.T. 5-0 and S.A.I.T. 2-0 in round robin play; Red Deer College in the semi-final 3-1, before defeating Sherwood Park under 21's to take first place.

Coach Graham Woods was particularly pleased with the play of captain Charles Issac and their main goalscorer Martin Nordli who grabbed five over the course of the weekend.

Photo Greg McHarg

THE SPORTS QUIZ

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 - the five CFL teams in western Canada
 - a wild guess on a European history test
 - a California-style telephone conversation
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 - a position in hockey or basketball
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Hockey Bears sweep-8-0 start

by Mark Spector

The city of Saskatoon Saskatchewan will always be remembered with fondness by Clare Drake. It was in this city that Drake recorded his first ever coaching victory, his 500th win, and now his record tying 555th victory behind the bench of the Alberta Golden Bears hockey team.

With the win, Drake ties the mark of the most ever collegiate coaching victories held by the late MacInnes. John MacInnes accumulated those wins over his 26 year career behind the bench of the Michigan Tech. Huskies.

The victory was earned on the strength of the Bears eighth straight win off the start of a season. The 8-3

decision marked the second time in as many weeks that Alberta has defeated the Saskatchewan Huskies in the final game of a tournament, as well as the second consecutive title at the Huskie Classic for the Bears.

Alberta received goals from eight different players — Sid Cranston, Craig Dill, Dean Clouston, Bill Ansell, Eric Thurston, Denis Leclair, Curt Brandolini, and Jack Patrick. Defenseman Thurston and left-winger Brandolini were selected to the tournament all-star team.

Second place in the tourney went to the Manitoba Bisons as they beat the NAIT Ooksiks 10-3 on Sunday

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